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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority
to Construct Approximately 2 Miles of New 115 kV Transmission
Line and Associated Substation Facilities in the Village of Brokaw
and Town of Maine, Marathon County

6690-CE-169

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT
OF COSTS AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Monday, February 26, 2001 – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Wednesday, March 7, 2001 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Monday, March 12, 2001 – 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Ramada Conference Center, 201 North 17th Avenue, Wausau, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) for authority to construct a new 115 kV transmission line, to be initially operated at 46 kV, in the village of Brokaw and town of Maine, Marathon County. The application was filed with the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.491, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 111 and 112. Specific project routes and route alternatives are detailed in the attached map.

Copies of WPSC's application are available for public review at the Marathon County Public Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau; at the office of the clerk of Marathon County, 500 Forest Street, Wausau; at the office of the clerk of the village of Brokaw, 311 Third Street, Brokaw; and at the office of the clerk of the town of Maine, 3000 North 60th Avenue, Wausau.

WPSC states that it is proposing the project in order to improve the reliability of the electric system in the Wausau area.

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin during September 2001. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the upgraded transmission facilities placed in service by June 2002.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission that are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

A hearing will be held on Monday, March 12, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, 201 North 17th Avenue Wausau, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Property owners or any other persons having an interest or concern about the facilities or routes are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. The record of the public hearing is the legal basis for the final decision by the Commission on this application. Interests or concerns expressed after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffry J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Parties shall file an original and 20 copies of testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a copy to the other parties. Direct and rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits are due in hand by the dates and times indicated on the first page of this notice. A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile, but any document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the identified due dates to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile filing must include the docket number, state "Official Filing," and list the number of pages. Copies of testimony should also be available at the hearing.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of this case should submit comments to Tim Jones, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI, 53707-7854. Persons may contact him at (608) 266-1613, or at jonest@psc.state.wi.us. In order to be considered in this analysis, comments must be received within 14 days of the mailing date of this notice.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to

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participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Steve Leovy at (608) 267-9304.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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